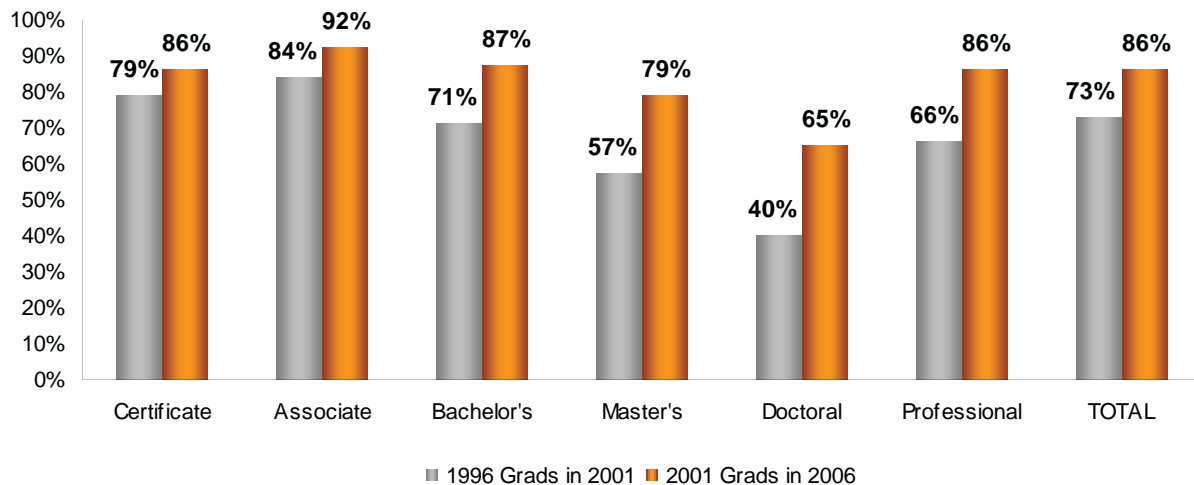


College graduates remaining in Kentucky

Current: 86%

Goal: 75%

College graduates still living in Kentucky five years after graduation



Source: CPE Comprehensive Database and Kentucky Department of Transportation drivers' license records

Rationale for goal

Kentucky will strive to keep at least 75% of its recent college graduates in the state, which is equal to the percentage of native Kentuckians in the state's general population.

About this measure

Recently, the Council added this measure to track the percentage of Kentucky postsecondary graduates who still live in the state five years after graduation. To determine if Kentucky in fact experiences a "brain drain," student data at each level of educational attainment are matched with data from the Kentucky Division of Drivers' Licensing. The most recent results reflect how many 2001 graduates held a Kentucky driver's license in 2006.

Although the data do not reflect people who fail to promptly change their drivers' licenses after leaving the state, the vast majority of Kentucky graduates appear to remain here to live and work, thus contributing their talents and skills to the workforce.